classification. All newspapers/journals have been classified into three categories as under:-

(i) Small, with a circulation of upto 25,000 copies per publishing day.

(ii) Medium, with a circulation between 25,001 and 75,000 copies per publishing day.

(iii) Big, with a circulation of above 75,000 copies per publishing day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Code of conduct for TV programmes**

1179. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no code of conduct for television broadcasters to monitor the TV programmes; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to regulate the telecast system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Programmes of all satellite channels, transmitted/re-transmitted through the Cable Television Network, are required to adhere to the provisions of the Programme & Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The cable operators are also required to maintain a register of the programmes being transmitted or re-transmitted. Action is taken whenever violations of these Codes come to notice.

**Fast Track Courts in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra**

†1180. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts set up in Madhya Pradesh,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra alongwith the number of Courts yet to be set up;

(b) the number of cases disposed of so far in these States by these Courts; and

(c) the number of cases which are pending in the above States alongwith the number of under-trials acquitted so far?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The number of Fast Track Courts set up in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra are 85, 31 and 131 respectively. Requisite number of Courts have been set up in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and 84 Fast Track Courts are yet to be set up in Maharashtra.

(b) The number of cases disposed of so far by these Courts are:

Madhya Pradesh - 4123: Chhattisgarh - 978: Maharashtra - 18393

(c) The number of cases pending in the Fast Track Courts in the above States are:

Madhya Pradesh - 7967: Chhattisgarh - 229: Maharashtra - 16321

The information regarding the number of under-trials acquitted by these Courts is not maintained in the Department.

**Law Commission on mode of executing death sentence**

1181. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended that the mode of executing death sentence should be changed from hanging to administration of lethal injection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether various experts in the field including Bar Councils and leading practising lawyers will be consulted before taking a final decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The Law Commission has informed that it has recently taken up